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Mendocino Women's Political Coalition

Welcome to Our New Sage Circle Leaders

The title, "Sage Circle" reflects the culture and guiding principles of MWPC by using language that is foundational to support the work of MWPC. The Sage Circle is responsible and accountable for all activities and implementation of the MWPC Objectives.

Amanda Reiman

Amanda Reiman is the Vice President of Community Development for Flow Kana, a branded cannabis distribution company that works with sun grown farmers in the Emerald Triangle. Dr. Reiman is also a Board member for the California Cannabis Tourism Association, The Mendocino Cannabis Alliance, The Mendocino County Fire Safe Council, The Solar Living Institute, and The Initiative, the first incubator/accelerator for women owned cannabis businesses.



After receiving her PhD from UC Berkeley, Dr. Reiman was the Director of Research and Patient Services at Berkeley Patients Group, one of the oldest dispensaries in the

Calendar

July 15
Election Filing opens

August 7
Election Filing Ends

August 26
Women's Equality Day

September 9
Sample Ballots

November 3
Election
VOTE

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country, and the Manager of Marijuana Law and Policy for the Drug Policy Alliance, a national non-profit that was engaged in the drafting and campaigns of legalization initiatives across the country and abroad. She also taught courses on substance abuse treatment and drug policy at UC Berkeley for 10 years and has published several research articles and book chapters on the use of cannabis as a substitute for opiates and the social history of the cannabis movement. Amanda currently resides in Ukiah, CA with her partner Sean and their 2 dogs and 3 cats.

Christine Poremski Rodrigues

Christine Poremski Rodrigues is a consultant with over 25 years' experience in nonprofit and corporate management, program development, fundraising and communications.



Christine recently partnered with the Paul K. Longmore Institute on Disability to develop a plan for San Francisco's proposed Disability Community Cultural Center, which would be the first city-run center of its kind. Prior to consulting, she served as Director of Development for several large non-profit organizations and managed SparkPoint Marin, a financial coaching center for people having trouble making ends meet. She has an MBA from the Anderson

School of Business at UCLA, and a BA in Communications from The Pennsylvania State University.

Christine and her husband Lee moved to Ukiah from Marin County in early 2019, when they purchased their first home. In addition to getting involved in local politics, she is learning to garden, write haiku, and pickle vegetables.

Wendy DeWitt

Wendy DeWitt is a professional musician with a keen interest in contributing to the realization of a highly and positively functioning society. Her work as an artist involves international touring, recording, leading workshops, producing, and writing and since moving to Ukiah five years ago, hosting concerts at the Church of Boogie Woogie.



Wendy is a past Vice President of the Golden Gate Blues Society, served on the Board of Directors for many years and was responsible for major funding of the Society's Musician's Relief Fund

for seven years through partnership with the San Francisco International Boogie Woogie Festival. She supports the work of the Blues Foundation and has served as a judge at the International Blues Challenge, is a voting member of NARAS, and is currently serving as President of the Redwood Valley Grange

Black Lives Matter

As you all are aware of the most recent public manifestations of what bell hooks calls "*white supremacist capitalist heteropatriarchy*," we will not recount the horrors here.

We will, however, continue to denounce white supremacy, police brutality, and the ongoing trauma that is inflicted upon Black communities, Brown communities, Indigenous communities, undocumented immigrants, and others. We will continue to insist that the female and trans members of these communities are remembered alongside the men whose lives we also grieve.

Moreover, we continue to do the work of challenging the logic of domination while collectively envisioning a world that centers eco-social justice.

Katarzyna Rolzinski

bell hooks

Gloria Jean Watkins (born September 25, 1952), better known by her pen name bell hooks,[1] is an American author, professor, feminist, and social activist. The name "bell hooks" is borrowed from her maternal great-grandmother, Bell Blair Hooks.[2]



The focus of hooks' writing has been the intersectionality of race, capitalism, and gender, and what she describes as their ability to produce and perpetuate systems of oppression and class domination. She has published more than 30 books and numerous scholarly articles, appeared in documentary films, and participated in public lectures. She has addressed race, class, and gender in education, art, history, sexuality, mass

media, and feminism.

In 2014, she founded the *bell hooks Institute* at Berea College in Berea, Kentucky.

BLACK LIVES MATTER

The Mendocino Women's Political Caucus objects to and will continue to denounce white supremacy, police brutality, and the ongoing trauma that is inflicted upon Black communities, Brown communities, Indigenous communities, undocumented immigrants, and others. We will continue to insist that the female and trans members

of these communities are remembered alongside the men whose lives we also grieve. Moreover, we continue to do the work of challenging systemic racism while collectively envisioning a world that centers around eco-social justice.

Amanda Reiman

Strike Out Racism

Does your home have a "whites-only" clause in its title document? These racist restrictions were popular for American homes built in the 30's and 40's, and while they are technically voided by state and federal law, they still contribute to housing discrimination and the racial wealth gap today. CA Government Code Section 12956.2 allows homeowners to strike out the offensive language to literally cross out that paragraph with a pen — and file the modified copy in its place. MWPC member Christine Poremski Rodrigues has obtained the required Restrictive Covenant Modification Form from the Mendocino County Recorder's Office, and is in the process of filing what she hopes will be the first of many title documents with the whites-only language crossed out. We are looking for ideas about how to make these changes at a county-wide level.

Article: <https://commonplace.substack.com/p/caucasian-clauses>
Radio Interview (local public radio): <https://www.kzyx.org/post/caucasian-clause-lingers-homes-title>

Christine Poremski Rodrigues

Citizens Advisory Committee for Law Enforcement Oversight
Board of Supervisors, June 23, 2020 - Passed 4 -1 by the Mendocino Board of Supervisors

Discussion and Possible Action Including Direction to County Counsel to Draft Necessary Framework (including Preparation of a Resolution and Ordinance) to Establish Citizens Advisory Committee for Law Enforcement Oversight and Present Said Framework to the Board of Supervisors within 30 Days

Summary of Request:

A Citizens Advisory Committee for Law Enforcement Oversight will strengthen the relationship between the Sheriff's Office and the community it serves through outreach and the promotion of greater transparency of law enforcement operations. Through a mission of facilitating trust and highlighting the outstanding work of public servants, the committee will:

1. Provide objective and independent review of complaints against the Sheriff's Office
2. Receive citizen complaints against the Sheriff's Office and forward them to the Sheriff's Office for review
3. Advise if an investigation appears incomplete and propose further investigation
4. Propose policies, procedures and training recommendations to the Sheriff's Office
5. Increase transparency of law enforcement operations
6. Conduct outreach to the community
7. Produce a public report about the complaints and recommendations on a summary level.
8. Review law enforcement policies and hiring practices
9. Provide oversight of an objective and independent review of the Sheriff's Office fiscal operations and budget

Under the Ordinance, the committee will not be authorized to:

1. Change the decisions made by the Sheriff's Office
2. Decide policies for the Sheriff's Office
3. Impose discipline on any Sheriff employee for any reason
4. Conduct its own investigations
5. Interfere with the performance of the Sheriff's Office
6. Compel by subpoena the production of any document or witness related to a Sheriff's Office investigation.

Rebecca's Voice

I continue lifting up hope that you are holding up with useful careful attention well known needed now and for some time to come. I do often wonder how we look back in our mirrors to ponder the continuing practicing of held beliefs that white men were created to own and control over everything and over all from who to love, where to live, where to work, who to oppress hate discriminate as fueled by pietistic dogma and made legal long long long way before enhanced by 1776 U.S. founders for independence. Surely daily lie tweet twists boost 21st Century mirror smears on eyes and brains about matters of skin color, female gender roles education, housing, work and health care access midst praise protecting bad cops and politicians egoized dictates along with citizen opinionating also borrowing cheap tips in the same pursuit for money; money me-first-be-happy and forget Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness and longtime sought after humanistic value advances for true Equality Accountability and Justice For All. Right now into 13th day huge protest movements here to worldwide to rid justice systems of criminal malfunctions and to build stronger democracy that continues alive and well. Key way progress for U.S. democracy: ***"What will you do with the time we have left?"***

JRebecca Sandridge

Kendall Smith Speaks

Seeing Fort Bragg listed on the Southern Poverty Law Center's map of Public Symbols of the Confederacy is a very compelling singular reason to change the name of our town. And we know there are many other local reasons of injustice and colonization behind this name that needs to disappear. It will require a strategy and persistence on the part of thoughtful and diverse Coastal residents to be successful, most likely. After the initial rollout of interest and intent at the City Council meeting, we should be thinking about structure(s) for growing support as there will likely be considerable resistance. We should begin thinking about the components in growing community understanding of why this needs to be a compelling, urgent, and necessary action. How do we create a campaign that is successful and thereby enhances ongoing community engagement?

Kendall Smith

Wendy's Voice

Life is great! Playing lots of piano, hosting Tuesday Night Virtual Open Mic every week, participating in on-line concerts, getting involved in voter registration and trying to help with Sage Circle projects, Recording an album, and yes, best garden ever! As the new President for Redwood Valley Grange it's been fun learning Robert's Rules of Order and all the bylaws. Cozy reading on a quiet evening guaranteed to help you get to sleep not too late. And of course Driveway Tour 2020. We may be appearing in a driveway near you



soon. Social distancing all the way. Creative types always get creative.

Wendy DeWitt

Elections

2 seats on Fort Bragg City Council

2 seats on Ukiah City Council

3 seats on Willits City Council

All schools Boards, College Boards, Community Service Boards, Fire Districts and Water Districts will have members up for election.

Filing for the November 3rd Election

Filing Dates for Office - July 13, 2020 - August 7, 2020

First Day for Absentees - October 5, 2020

Last Day to Register - October 19, 2020

SAMPLE BALLOTS BEGIN TO BE MAILED OUT (40th day) September 24, 2020

MAY BEGIN OPENING ABSENTEE BALLOTS Friday, October 23, 2020 (7 Business Days)

WRITE IN DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY Sept 7, 2020 Oct 20, 2020 (57th 14th Days)

EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

January 1, 1863

Abraham Lincoln President of the United States of America

Whereas, on the twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following, to wit:

"That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall

be then, thenceforward, and forever free; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom.

And by virtue of the power, and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforward shall be free; and that the Executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons.

And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defence; and I recommend to them that, in all cases when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.

And I further declare and make known, that such persons of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service.

And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution, upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind, and the gracious favor of Almighty God.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed."

Done at the City of Washington, this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-seventh.

By the President: ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Witnessed by William H. Seward, Secretary of State.

OBJECTIVES of the Mendocino Women's Political Coalition

- A. To unite women of Mendocino County through social action in a political network to promote cultural diversity and economic opportunity for everyone;
- B. To educate and encourage women to become more aware and involved in the political process;
- C. To garner support for women's issues such as promoting individual rights for family planning;
- D. To encourage family leave and child/elder care policies;
- E. To promote sustainable environmental practices;
- F. To seek qualified candidates who support the objectives of MWPC;
- G. To facilitate candidate training workshops;
- H. To endorse and support pro-MWPC candidates;
- I. To support passage of the Equal Rights Amendment

Join MWPC



We've had time to smell our flowers,
now time to invite others to join us.
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<https://www.facebook.com/Mendocino-Womens-Political-Coalition-MWPC-126303984061526/>

Our Website: <https://mendocinowomen.org/>

Dues: \$25.00

Mendocino Women's Political Coalition is more determined than ever to increase the number of women elected to office across California and throughout the country.

We do this by what we've always done best: Identifying, recruiting, training, and financially supporting women candidates.

The important work of MWPC is made possible by membership dues, especially in election years. Financial backing comes with MWPC endorsement for our women.

Mo Mulheren

*Mo sent us some important links
to understanding our diversity.*



Membership in Mendocino Women's Political Coalition is a bargain and a statement. You will be saying that you are committed to reproductive choice, equity and equality. Dues will run from September 2018 to September 2019

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Annual MWPC Dues, \$25

Yes. I would like to donate _____ to the MWPC PAC to put more women at the tables where decisions are made that affect all of us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone:(H) _____ W) _____ Cell: _____

Please check (x) your special interests/skills:

By-Laws: _____ Membership: _____ Website: _____

Newsletter: _____ Candidate Endorsements: _____

Appointments to Boards/Commissions: _____ Events: _____

Hospitality/Food: _____ Mailings: _____ Fundraising: _____

Other Skills or Ways to Help:

Issues I would like to see MWPC address:

Are you interested in being a MWPC officer? Which position? _____

Mail with your enclosed check to: MWPC, P.O. Box 1140, Ukiah CA 95482

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